

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION MINUTES OF MEETING

Open Session

April 14, 2008

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sharon Smith, MS, RN, President

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Michael Gerhardt

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Theresa Jeremiah RN

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS Vice President

Lynn Curran, MS, RN, CRNA

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Rose, RN,MS

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30am. A quorum was established at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF

On motion of Ms. Matteson, seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with the following corrections:

Replace the name “Ms Leasca” with “ Ms Curran” as making the motion to adjourn the February 11, 2008 Open Session meeting of the Board.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Ms Smith welcomed members and stated that she had nothing new to report.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Ms McCue reported the Department is right on track with the implementation time line for the Nurse Licensure Compact.

- Letters sent to each licensed nurse providing information about the Compact.**
- Computer equipment ordered for the Board to track licenses during Board mtgs**
- Continued planning for a educational forum in June for employers of nurses**

Ms McCue provided a legislative update on two nursing bills introduced in the General Assembly. One bill, submitted on behalf of the Department allows the Board to contract with an outside agency to process initial licensure application and places the CNA Advisory Committee under the leadership of the BON. This bill was heard in both health committees. Thus far no further movement on them.

The other bill, submitted on behalf of RISNA, removes language in the statute that requires NPs to have annually updated written guidelines for prescriptive privileges. This bill was heard in the House HEW Committee and passed out of that committee.

Ms McCue also informed the Board of a bill that would have allowed motions for expungement of disciplinary findings on a health professional's license. The Department opposed this bill and it was

withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Allegations of Substance Abuse

Procedure for Board

Non Disciplinary Alternative program

Board approved criteria for programs

Revised Diversion Contracts/consent Orders

Ms Rosa presented to the Board proposed criteria that the Board should use in making decisions on what programs should be “Board approved” substance abuse treatment programs. Several Board members made suggestions on wording and submitted them to Ms Mouradjian. A consensus was taken that the recommended changes will be made and brought back to the Board for further discussion in May. Board members were asked to provide any further feedback and suggestions via email before the next meeting. The Board was presented with the following documents for informational purposes only:

Diversion Contract template

Consent Order for probation template

Decision tree chart for allegations of diversion of narcotics

Sections in the statute for discipline of licenses and the section on non-discipline

alternative programs

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Jeremiah, seconded by Ms. Mergerdichain, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 10:15am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Smith called the open session back to order at 12:30pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Jeremiah, seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted to the following actions in Executive Session at

today's meeting:

Gabriel Morene -Voluntary Surrender of RN license

Diane Default- Suspend LPN license

Todd Brouillette, RN -Voluntary Surrender of RN license

Albert Jackavone- Summarily Suspened RN license

**The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional
Conduct**

RN07-076

NP08-009

PN08-004

RN07-076

PCNS06-086

PN06-119

RN08-023

PN08-026

ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Ms Jeremiah, seconded by Ms Matteson, it was
unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:16 pm. Respectfully Submitted,**

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

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